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# New York City generates 44 million pounds of garbage a day. The city has a plan to contain the mess

By Philip Marcelo  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — For half a century, New York City residents have taken out their trash by flinging plastic bags stuffed with stinking garbage straight onto the sidewalk.

When the bags inevitably leak or break open, they spill litter into the street, providing smorgasbords for rats. In the winter, the trash mounds get buried in snow and remain frozen in place for days, sometimes weeks, reinforcing the city's reputation as filthy.

Now, New Yorkers are slowly adjusting to a radically new routine, at least for America's biggest city: putting their trash in bins. With lids.

Covered bins became a requirement this month for all residential buildings with fewer than 10 living units. That's the majority of residential properties. All city businesses had to start using bins earlier this year.

"I know this must sound absurd to anyone listening to this who lives pretty much in any other city in the world," said Jessica Tisch, the city's former sanitation commissioner, who oversaw the new measures before becoming the city's new police commissioner this week. "But it is revolutionary by New York City's standards because, for 50 years, we have placed all our trash directly on the curbs."

Residents who've already



Sanitation workers collect trash, Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, in the Brooklyn borough of New York. (AP Photo/Yuki Iwamura)

experienced trash containerization elsewhere agree it's long overdue for New York City to catch up.

"You see plastic bags open with the food just rotting and stinking and then it leaking out over the sidewalk and into the road," said John Midgley, who owns a brownstone in Brooklyn and has lived in London, Paris and Amsterdam. "Just the stink of it builds up, you know, week after week after week."

New York City's homes, businesses and institutions put about 44 million pounds (20 million kilograms) of waste

out on the curb every day, about 24 million pounds (11 million kilograms) of which is collected by the city's sanitation department. Much of the rest is handled by private garbage carters.

In the early 20th century, New York City required trash to be placed in metal cans. But in the era before widespread plastic bag use, refuse was thrown directly into the bins, making them filthy and grimy.

Then in 1968, the city's sanitation workers went on strike. For more than a week, trash cans overflowed. Garbage mounds piled high on sidewalks and spilled into the streets like some dystopian nightmare. Plastic bag makers donated thousands of bags to help clean up the mess, and New Yorkers never looked back, said Steven Cohen, a Columbia University dean specializing in public affairs.

"It had to do with convenience," he said. "After the strike, the sanitation workers preferred the modern advance of lighter and seemingly cleaner sealed plastic bags."

Plastic kept more odors in, compared to the old metal bins. A worker could grab

the neck of a bag and easily fling it into a truck.

But Democratic Mayor Eric Adams' administration has deemed trash bag mounds Public Enemy No. 1 in his well-documented war against the city's notorious rats.

Rats have little problem getting into a plastic bag. Durable bins with closing, locking lids should, in theory, do a better job of keeping them out.

The bin requirement, which took effect Nov. 12, comes with its own challenges. Among them: Finding a place for large, wheeled bins in neighborhoods where most buildings don't have yards, alleys or garages. Landlords and homeowners also have to collect the empty bins and bring them back from the curb in the morning — something you didn't have to do with plastic bags.

Caitlin Leffel, who lives in Manhattan, said residents of her building had to hire someone "at surprisingly high cost" to bring out the bins the night before and bring them back in three times a week.

"I know there are problems with the way this city has collected trash for years,"

she said. "But the way this program has been rolled out, it has not taken into account many of the nuances of living in New York City."

Building superintendents are also grumbling about the added work of bringing bins back from the curb.

"It's completely rearranged our lives," says Dominick Romeo, founder of NYC Building Supers, a group of building managers that recently rallied in front of City Hall against the new requirements. "Folks are running around like crazy."

Eventually, the largest residential buildings — those with more than 31 units — will have their own designated container on the street. New trash trucks built with automated, side-loading arms — another innovation that is already common in many other countries — will then clear them out.

The upgrades should make pickups easier and cleaner, even if it might take longer for trash collectors to make the rounds, says Harry Nespoli, president of the union representing some 7,000 city sanitation workers.

For now, he says, workers are still tossing trash into their trucks manually, which has its own downsides.

"Some places, they're not even using bags. They're just putting their trash into the bins," Nespoli said. "It's going to take time to get everyone to do it the right way, but at the end of the day, it's our job to pick it up."

Tisch believes New Yorkers will eventually come around to the new reality. City officials, for now, are issuing written warnings for non-compliance. Not everyone knows about the new rules yet. But come Jan. 2, fines ranging from \$50 to \$200 will kick in.

"No one wants to live on a dirty block," Tisch said. "No one wants to walk past a heaping mound of trash and trash juice when they are leaving to go to work or they are walking their kids home from school." □



Piles of trash line a sidewalk, Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

(AP Photo/Yuki Iwamura)



# Trump picks Jay Bhattacharya, who backed COVID herd immunity, to lead National Institutes of Health

By Carla K Johnson  
Associated Press

(AP) - President-elect Donald Trump has chosen health economist Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, a critic of pandemic lockdowns and vaccine mandates, to lead the National Institutes of Health, the nation's leading medical research agency.

Trump, in a statement Tuesday evening, said Bhattacharya, a 56-year-old physician and professor at Stanford University School of Medicine, will work in cooperation with Robert F. Kennedy Jr., his pick to lead the Department of Health and Human Services, "to direct the Nation's Medical Research, and to make important discoveries that will improve Health, and save lives."

"Together, Jay and RFK Jr. will restore the NIH to a Gold Standard of Medical Research as they examine the underlying causes of, and solutions to, America's biggest Health challenges, including our Crisis of Chronic Illness and Disease," he wrote.

The decision to choose Bhattacharya for the post is yet another reminder of the ongoing impact of the COVID



President-elect Donald Trump speaks during a meeting with the House GOP conference, Nov. 13, 2024, in Washington.

(Allison Robbert/Pool via AP, File)

pandemic on the politics on public health.

Bhattacharya was one of three authors of the Great Barrington Declaration, an October 2020 open letter maintaining that lockdowns were causing irreparable harm.

The document which came before the availability of COVID-19 vaccines and during the first Trump administration promoted "herd immunity,"

the idea that people at low risk should live normally while building up immunity to COVID-19 through infection. Protection should focus instead on people at higher risk, the document said. "I think the lockdowns were the single biggest public health mistake," Bhattacharya said in March 2021 during a panel discussion convened by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis. His nomination would need

to be approved by the Senate.

Trump on Tuesday also announced that Jim O'Neill, a former HHS official and Silicon Valley investor, will serve as deputy secretary of the sprawling agency. Trump said O'Neill "will oversee all operations and improve Management, Transparency, and Accountability to, Make America Healthy Again," the president-elect

announced.

O'Neill is a longtime associate of billionaire entrepreneur Peter Thiel, one of Trump's leading backers from the tech industry. Thiel and O'Neill co-founded Mithril Capital Management, a venture fund that invests in medical technology and other startup companies.

He served on the board of a Thiel-funded nonprofit that aimed to develop man-made islands that would float outside U.S. territory, allowing them to experiment with new forms of government. He also helped form and run the Thiel Fellowship, which awards \$100,000 to young entrepreneurs who want to leave school to pursue a business or scientific venture.

O'Neill is the only one of Trump's health picks so far who brings previous experience working inside the HHS bureaucracy. Trump's previous choices to lead public health agencies — including Kennedy, Dr. Mehmet Oz for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services administrator and Dr. Marty Makary for FDA commissioner — have all been Washington outsiders who are vowing to shake up the agencies. □

## Ohio governor signs bill limiting bathroom use by transgender students

By Julie Carr Smyth and Geoff Mulvihill

Associated Press

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)** — Transgender students from kindergarten through college at Ohio public and private schools will be banned from using multi-person bathrooms that fit their gender identities under a measure that Republican Gov. Mike DeWine said Wednesday that he has signed.

DeWine signed the law over the objections of Democrats, teachers' unions and civil rights groups, which had hoped that his objections to a ban on gender-affirming care for minors last year would carry through and prompt another veto.

It takes effect in 90 days.

The governor issued no statement regarding the signing. The Republican-backed measure labeled the "Protect All Students Act" requires public and private schools, colleges and universities to designate separate bathrooms, locker rooms and overnight accommodations "for the exclusive use" of either males and females, based on one's gender assigned at or near birth, in school buildings and other facilities used for school-sponsored events. It contains no enforcement mechanism. Aaron Baer, president of the Center for Christian Virtue, which backed the bill, said in a statement, The

ACLU of Ohio was among the groups that had lobbied for a veto, condemning the measure as a violation of the right of privacy of LGBTQ+ Ohioans that will make them less safe.

School employees, emergency situations and people assisting young children or someone with a disability are exempted from the restrictions and schools can still offer single-use or family bathrooms.

With DeWine's signature, Ohio adds to the pushback that's cropped up nationally among many Republican politicians, including President-elect Donald Trump, as transgender people have gained more visibility and acceptance on

some fronts in recent years. Twenty-six states have now adopted laws restarting or banning gender-affirming care for transgender minors. The U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to

hear arguments Dec. 4 on whether Tennessee's ban on such treatments can continue to be enforced; any ruling is likely to impact policies in other states, too. □



Mike DeWine speaks, Jan. 14, 2019, in Cedarville, Ohio.

(AP Photo/John Minchillo, Pool, File)



# White House pressing Ukraine to draft 18-year-olds so they have enough troops to battle Russia

By Aamer Madhani

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — President Joe Biden's administration is urging Ukraine to quickly increase the size of its military by drafting more troops and revamping its mobilization laws to allow for the conscription of troops as young as 18.

A senior Biden administration official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the private consultations, said Wednesday that the outgoing Democratic administration wants Ukraine to lower the mobilization age to 18 from the current age of 25 to help expand the pool of fighting age men available to help a badly outmanned Ukraine in its nearly three-year-old war with Russia.

The official said "the pure math" of Ukraine's situation now is that it needs more troops in the fight.

The White House has pushed more than \$56 billion in security assistance to Ukraine since the start of Russia's February 2022 invasion and expects to send billions more to Kyiv before



**Fellow soldiers carry a coffin of leading actor of the music and drama theatre Petro Velykiy, 48, who was killed in a battle with the Russian troops in Russia's Kursk region, during farewell ceremony in Chernyiv, Ukraine, Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2024.**

(AP Photo/Dan Bashakov)

Biden leaves office in less than months.

But with time running out, the Biden White House is also sharpening its viewpoint that Ukraine has the weaponry it needs and now must dramatically increase its troop levels if it's going to stay in the fight with Russia.

The official said the Ukrainians believe they need about 160,000 additional troops, but the U.S. administration believes they probably will need more than that.

More than 1 million Ukrainians are now in uniform, including National Guard and other units.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has also been hearing concerns from allies in other Western capitals that Ukraine has a troop level problem and not an arms problem, according to European officials who requested anonymity to discuss the sensitive diplomatic conversa-

tions.

The European allies have also stressed that the lack of depth means that it may soon become untenable for Ukraine to continue to operate in Russia's Kursk border region that Ukraine seized this year. The situation in Kursk has become further complicated by the arrival of thousands of North Korean troops who have come to help Moscow try to claw back the land.

The stepped-up push on Ukraine to strengthen its fighting ranks also comes as Ukraine braces for President-elect Donald Trump to take office on Jan. 20.

The Republican said he would bring about a swift end to the war and has raised uncertainty about whether his administration would continue the vital U.S. military support for Ukraine.

Ukraine has taken steps to broaden the pool of draft-eligible men, but the efforts have only scratched the surface against a much larger Russian military. □

## 3 Americans held for years in China have been released, the White House says

By Eric Tucker, Aamer Madhani and Mathew Lee

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Three American citizens imprisoned for years by China have been released and are returning to the United

States, the White House said Wednesday, announcing a diplomatic agreement with Beijing in the final months of the Biden administration. The three are Mark Swidan, Kai Li and John Leung, all of whom had been des-

ignated by the U.S. government as wrongfully detained by China. Swidan had been facing a death sentence on drug charges while Li and Leung were imprisoned on espionage charges.

"Soon they will return and be reunited with their families for the first time in many years," the White House said in a statement.

The release comes just two months after China freed David Lin, a Christian pastor from California who had spent nearly 20 years behind bars after being convicted of contract fraud. U.S.-China relations have been roiled for years over major disagreements between the world's two largest economies on trade, human rights, the production of fentanyl precursors,

security issues that include espionage and hacking, China's aggressiveness toward Taiwan and its smaller neighbors in the South China Sea, and Beijing's support for Russia's military-industrial sector.

The release of Americans deemed wrongfully detained in China has been a top agenda item in each conversation between the U.S. and China, and Wednesday's development suggests a willingness by Beijing to engage with the outgoing Democratic administration before Republican President-elect Donald Trump's return to the White House in January. Trump took significant actions against China on trade and diplomacy during his first term. He has pledged to continue those

policies in his second term, leading to unease among many who fear that an all-out trade war will greatly affect the international economy and could spur potential Chinese military action against Taiwan. Still, the two countries have maintained a dialogue that has included a partial restoration of military-to-military contacts. President Joe Biden and Chinese leader Xi Jinping met this month to discuss potential improvements.

In a separate but related move, the State Department on Wednesday lowered its travel warning to China to "level two," advising U.S. citizens to "exercise increased caution" from the norm when traveling to the mainland. □



**Harrison Li holds a photo of his father, Kai Li, as he poses for a photo, Jan. 23, 2024, in Palo Alto, Calif.**

(AP Photo/Jeff Chiu, File)



# ICC prosecutor requests arrest warrants for the head of Myanmar's military regime

By Molly Quell  
Associated Press

**THE HAGUE (AP)** — The International Criminal Court's chief prosecutor asked judges on Wednesday to issue an arrest warrant for the head of Myanmar's military regime for crimes committed against the country's Rohingya Muslim minority. Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, who seized power from elected leader Aung San Suu Kyi in 2021, is accused of crimes against humanity for the deportation and persecution of the Rohingya. Nearly a million people were forced into neighboring Bangladesh to escape what has been called an ethnic cleansing campaign involving mass rapes, killings and the torching of homes.

From a refugee camp in Bangladesh, the court's top prosecutor, Karim Khan, said in a statement that he intended to request more warrants for Myanmar's leaders soon.

"In doing so, we will be demonstrating, together with all of our partners, that the Rohingya have not been forgotten. That they, like all people around the world, are entitled to the protec-



Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, head of the military council, inspects officers during a parade to commemorate Myanmar's 78th Armed Forces Day in Naypyitaw, Myanmar, on March 27, 2023. (AP Photo/Aung Shine Oo, File)

tion of the law," the British barrister said.

The allegations stem from a counterinsurgency campaign that Myanmar's military began in August 2017 in response to an insurgent attack. Hlaing, who heads the Myanmar Defense Services, is said to have directed the armed forces of Myanmar, known as the Tatmadaw, as well as the national police to attack Rohingya civilians.

Khan was in Bangladesh where he met with members of the displaced Rohingya population. About 1 million of the predominately Muslim Rohingya live in Bangladesh as refugees from Myanmar, including about 740,000 who fled in 2017.

Rohingyas face widespread discrimination in Buddhist-majority Myanmar, with most denied citizenship. Myanmar's government refuses to

recognize the Rohingya as one of the country's 135 lawful ethnic minorities, instead calling them Bengalis, with the implication that their native land is in Bangladesh and they are illegally settled in Myanmar.

Human rights groups applauded the decision to seek a warrant. The dire situation of the Rohingya has received less attention as the conflicts in Ukraine

and Gaza have grabbed headlines. "The ICC prosecutor's decision to seek a warrant against Sr. Gen. Min Aung Hlaing comes amid renewed atrocities against Rohingya civilians that echo those suffered seven years ago. The ICC's action is an important step toward breaking the cycle of abuses and impunity," said Maria Elena Vignoli, senior international justice counsel at Human Rights Watch.

Zin Mar Aung, foreign minister for Myanmar's opposition National Unity Government, established by elected lawmakers barred from taking their seats in 2021, said on X that ICC judges should "swiftly issue the warrant" and that governments should "act and enforce this warrant to uphold justice and international law."

She posted that the ICC action "represents a critical moment in Myanmar history."

Myanmar's military regime issued a short statement, rejecting the proceedings, noting it was not party to the ICC and insisting the country's leadership practiced a policy of "peaceful coexistence." □

# The son of Norway's crown princess to be released from custody in rape allegations

Associated Press

**BERLIN (AP)** — The eldest son of Norwegian Crown Princess Mette-Marit is to be released from custody after his arrest last week on rape allegations, Norwegian broadcaster NRK reported Wednesday.

At the same time, however, Oslo police began an investigation into a new alleged sexual offense for which he has not been charged, NRK reported. Details about the new allegations were not immediately available.

Marius Borg Høiby is the stepson of the heir to the Norwegian throne, Crown Prince Haakon, and the son of Mette-Marit from a previous relationship. He has no royal title or official duties. Borg Høiby was arrested

last week in Oslo on a preliminary charge of having had "sexual intercourse with someone who is unconscious or for other reasons unable to resist the act." A preliminary charge comes before a formal charge and allows authorities to detain suspects during an investigation.

At the time, police did not say when the alleged rape occurred, but only that "the victim must have been unable to resist the act." Norwegian media reported that Borg Høiby has denied the accusation.

Prosecutor Andreas Krusowski said in a press release on Wednesday that during the week Borg Høiby has been in custody, police reviewed the evidence they

seized in connection with his arrest and have also conducted a significant number of witness interviews, according to Norwegian news agency NTB.

The agency also said police reportedly found videos on Borg Høiby's cell phone that allegedly show the assaults. He denies the accusations.

The royal palace had no comment regarding the recent allegations, NTB said. On Wednesday, police said they would not seek further detention of Borg Høiby because there was no indication that important evidence would be removed, NRK reported.

On Aug. 4, police officers responded to a disturbance in downtown Oslo

and briefly detained Borg Høiby. He faced preliminary charges of bodily harm and criminal damage and was released. Details were

unclear but police said there was "a relationship between the suspect and the victim." □



Norway's Marius Borg Høiby and Crown Princess Mette-Marit in Oslo, June 16, 2022.

(Lise Aserud/NTB via AP, File)



# Israel-Hezbollah ceasefire appears to hold as Lebanese stream south to their homes

By Bassem Mroue, Kareem Cheyaheb and Tia Goldenberg

**TYRE, Lebanon (AP)** — A ceasefire between Israel and the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah that began Wednesday appeared to be holding, as residents in cars heaped with belongings streamed back toward southern Lebanon despite warnings from Israeli and Lebanese troops that they stay away from certain areas.

If it holds, the ceasefire would bring an end to nearly 14 months of fighting between Israel and Hezbollah, which escalated in mid-September into all-out war and threatened to pull Hezbollah's patron, Iran, and Israel's closest ally, the United States, into a broader conflagration.

The deal does not address the war in Gaza, where Israeli strikes overnight on two schools-turned-shelters in Gaza City killed 11 people, including four children, according to hospital officials. Israel said one of the strikes targeted a Hamas sniper and the other targeted militants hiding among civilians.

The truce in Lebanon could give some reprieve to the 1.2 million Lebanese dis-



Displaced residents return to Dahiyeh, in Beirut, Lebanon, following a ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah that went into effect on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2024.

(AP Photo/Bilal Hussein)

placed by the fighting and the tens of thousands of Israelis who fled their homes along the border.

The U.S.- and France-brokered deal, approved by Israel late Tuesday, calls for an initial two-month halt to fighting and requires Hezbollah to end its armed presence in southern Lebanon, while Israeli troops are to return to their side of the border.

Thousands of additional Lebanese troops and U.N.

peacekeepers would deploy in the south, and an international panel headed by the United States would monitor compliance.

Israel says it reserves the right to strike Hezbollah should it violate the terms of the deal. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said troops arrested four Hezbollah operatives, including a local commander, who had entered what it referred to as a restricted area. It said troops

have been ordered to prevent people from returning to villages near the border. Israel is still fighting Hamas militants in Gaza in response to the group's cross-border raid into southern Israel in October 2023. But President Joe Biden on Tuesday said his administration would make another push in the coming days to try to renew efforts for a deal in the war-ravaged Palestinian enclave.

Lebanese are streaming

south despite warnings. Hours after the ceasefire came into effect, thousands of people drove south from Beirut with their belongings and mattresses tied on top of their cars. Traffic was gridlocked at the northern entrance of the port city of Sidon.

Sporadic celebratory gunfire was heard at a main roundabout in the city, as drivers honked their horns and residents cheered.

The Israeli military warned displaced Lebanese not to return to evacuated villages in southern Lebanon, where Israeli troops were still present following the ground invasion in early October.

The Israeli military said forces opened fire to push back a number of vehicles that were entering a restricted area.

Three journalists, including a freelance photographer working for The Associated Press, said they were shot and wounded by Israeli troops while covering the return of displaced people to the town of Khiam, around 6 kilometers (4 miles) from the border, which had seen heavy fighting in recent days. The Israeli military said it was investigating. □

# Children among the dead and missing as heavy rains trigger floods in Sri Lanka

By Bharatha Mallawarachi  
Associated Press

**COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)** — Three children returning from school are among at least five people who have died as heavy rains triggered floods and landslides in Sri Lanka, authorities said Wednesday. Five others are missing.

Sri Lanka has experienced heavy downpours and strong winds over the past two days that have flooded homes, fields and roads and forced authorities to suspend train services in tea-growing mountain areas.

In the worst incident, eight people, including six chil-

dren who were returning from school, were reported missing Tuesday evening when the farm trac-

tor they were traveling on was swept away by floods in the eastern region of the country, police said.



Dark clouds hover as a man walks along a street in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2024.

(AP Photo/Eranga Jayawardena)

The bodies of three children were recovered on Wednesday. Eleven children had travelled on the tractor at the time of the accident and five were initially rescued. Another three students and two adults, including the driver, remain unaccounted for. Local television channel Derana showed navy and army troops assisted by air force helicopters searching for the missing persons.

Separately, a woman died when a brick wall collapsed on her in the mountainous region of Badulla in the central part of the country, while another person died in floods. Eight people were

injured in various other weather-related incidents, the Disaster Management Center said.

As of Wednesday, over 5,000 people had been evacuated and nearly 800 homes had been damaged. The Meteorology Department attributed the severe weather to a deep depression in the Bay of Bengal which is likely to move closer to Sri Lanka and intensify into a cyclonic storm on Thursday.

Sri Lanka has been grappling with severe weather since May, mostly caused by heavy monsoon rains. In June, 16 people died due to floods and mudslides. □



# Don't forget to visit Aruba's famous Red Anchor

At the south east coast of the island, standing alone on a windswept and barren land stands a popular Aruba landmark – a large anchor. It overlooks the sea just beyond, watching over the shipping lanes. It stands there in memory and in honor of all seamen who have lost their life at sea.

## Where to Find the Anchor?

The anchor is a “must see” landmark when you visit Aruba. It is among the most photographed historical landmarks for the island. You want to make sure you add this stop on your itinerary when your visiting the south coast of Aruba. The bright red anchor against the backdrop of the deep blue Caribbean sea and the azure blue skies, make a great backdrop for your vacation pictures.

The anchor is located at the entrance to Gate 6 to the former Lago Colony. It is on the outskirts of Seroe Colorado, on the south east point of the island at the “T” junction to Baby Beach.

Depending on where you are staying on the island, follow the signs that indicate the way to Baby Beach. Once you reach the T-junction, it will be right in front of you.

## About the Anchor

Size

It will be hard to miss the anchor, it's huge! The anchor that weighs 21,772 kilos, is approximately 10 feet 6 inches wide and 15 feet, 6 inches tall.

On the anchor there are some numbers. The 4112 and 4115, which are believed to be the serial numbers that refer to the “fluke” or horizontal and vertical parts of the anchor, respectively. The number 21772K refers to the weight of the anchor in kilos.

This type of anchor was manufactured by Hoesch Dortmund Horde, at a foundry located in Germany.

## Where did the Anchor Come From?

There are a number of stories as to the origins of the anchor, which one do you think it was? (Unfortunately the mystery has never been solved, so your imagination can pick which one you think it might be!)

Story 1:

“According to Mr. Manuel M. Curiel, an ex-Lago Tug Captain, a fully laden VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) was seeking a mooring at the 15-mile anchorage, known as Bara, on the southern part of



The Red Anchor situated at the entrance of former Lago Colony in San Nicolas

the island. This is the usual shallow mooring location for ships awaiting orders, etc. The weather was rough with strong current. The normal procedure is that they would walk out three shackles (about 90 feet) until the anchor touches the bottom while the chain must rest on the bottom. Subsequently, they will walk out some extra shackles and when the ship starts to swing or lean on one side, the anchor is properly set. Because of the rough weather, unfortunately they did not get the time to walk out the extra tackles and because of the tension exerted on the winch, it broke, and they lost the anchor and its chain.”

Story 2:

“Mr. Curiel also said that at one time a small tanker with a Korean crew, while lifting their anchor also lifted another anchor near the inner harbor. When the ship asked for assistance, he went with his tugboat along with a barge, to help. But eventually they had to cut the chain and let the anchor go to the bottom because they could not untangle them.”

## How Did The Anchor Become a Landmark?

Sometime between 1980 and 1985, three gentlemen (Mr. Wim Martinus – the Harbormaster of Aruba;

Mr. August Genser – the ex-Division Superintendent of Lago's Laboratory; and Mr. Willie Davis – Owner of Filtec at Zeewijk in San Nicolas), were having a conversation with Mr. Charlie Brouns Jr. at his famous Charlie's Bar and Restaurant in San Nicolas. Charlie, who was a visionary and had dreams for developing the San Nicolas area, told these gentlemen that he would like to come up with something innovative for the San Nicolas area to draw tourism to the area.

The “anchor”, which at that time was being stored at the Oranjestad harbor, was suggested as an option. Charlie liked the idea! He then contacted the President of Lago for permission to acquire the anchor. He was granted permission and the anchor was then relocated to its present location and dedicated “To All Seamen” on the occasion of the closing of the Lago Oil Refinery on March 31, 1985.

## Through the Years

Through the years the Anchor was slowly weathering from the wind and salt. As time passed, sadly the origin and purpose of the anchor slowly faded away from people's memories.

After Charles Brouns Jr died on September 15, 2004, his friend Mr. Sam

Speziale, requested assistance from the management of Valero Aruba Refinery to help maintain the monument. The Valero Aruba Refinery, graciously sandblasted and painted the anchor and poured a concrete pad around it. On April 17, 2005, the anchor monument was rededicated “To All Seamen” in a formal ceremony in memory of Charles Brouns Jr.

Today, the anchor stands both as memorial to all seaman who have lost their lives at sea, but also as a silent reminder that Seroe Colorado is part of San Nicolas and that San Nicolas is still a vibrant and important part of the island of Aruba.

## The Best Time to Visit

When your planning your visit to the south end of the island, you will want to include in your itinerary the many things to see and do there. The anchor will be just one of these stops, (keep an eye out for our future editions, we publish our recommendations!).

With that being said, I have to say, if you enjoy catching a sunrise, the anchor is one of the best places on the island to catch the sunrise. But in reality, anytime is a good time to visit, depending on your personal schedule. □



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(Oranjestad)—Nuzzled up in a cozy nook of The Cove Mall in the sun-kissed paradise of Palm Beach, L'Avenue takes you on a journey to experience the true flavors of Belgium. Offering a selection of traditional Belgian and French cuisine, this bistro brings the old into the new against a backdrop of laid-back luxury.

The new kid on the block, L'Avenue currently holds a unique position in the island's culinary scene; being the only Belgian-owned, Belgian restaurant on the island. This winning hand is not obtained by many, and

L'Avenue's delicious menu and wide selection of Belgian beer, and European and New World wine emphasizes the bistro's unique vision to bring Europe into the palm of your hands!

Once part of the famous Taste of Belgium restaurant, L'Avenue offers a new point of view and brings a fresh life to what was once beloved by both locals and tourists. Crafted by Chef Juan Ludeña and his team, enjoy a superb variety of classic Belgian and French dishes served with a touch of innovation for lunch and dinner, including stews, steak-house quality meat and their famous Moules-frites, served with a variety of delicious and rich broth.

As if that wasn't enough, enjoy your meal under warm, starry lights accompanied by live music performances every day, seated either in



a relaxing and cool interior area of the restaurant, or outside against a backdrop of the bright, colorful lights of the Palm Beach strip!

### More information

L'Avenue is situated at The Cove Mall in Palm Beach and is open every day from

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## Aruba Tourism Authority honored a loyal visitor at Bucuti and Tara Beach Resort!



**The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure of recognizing a Goodwill Ambassador of Aruba. The honoree was respectively honored with a certificate for her years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island of Aruba.**

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### The honorees was:

Goodwill Ambassadors  
Kurt and Tracey Doiron from Milton Massachusetts, United States.

Ms. Marouska Heyliger representing the

Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of Bucuti and Tara beach resort bestowed the certificate upon the honorees and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination, as their home away from home.

### The top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by the honorees were:

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## The legend of the Kibrahacha tree

(Oranjestad)—The Kibrahacha is a famous tree known locally for its bright, yellow flowers that blooms for just three days. Scientifically known as *Tabebuia billbergii*, and in English as the Yellow Poui, this tree is native to the Caribbean islands of Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao, and is considered among locals as one of the most spectacular trees on the island. But did you also know that the beautiful yellow flowers have a story behind them?

The Kibrahacha is said to have extremely hard wood—so hard that it can break an axe. In fact, that's what its name means in Papiamentu: "kibra" (break) "hacha" (axe). The flowers bloom around April and May, but this only last for about three days, as the flowers start to fall off and the tree starts growing its green leaves. The Kibrahacha is especially particular, as it's the only one among its neighboring trees to starts blooming first.

The legend of the Kibrahacha  
Written by Hubert (Lio Booi)

One day Aterima, who lived west of the hill Sero Warawara, woke up one day to find her father sleeping in his hammock, suffering a bout of terrible fever. Her mother was very worried, and as was the custom in the olden days, asked Aterima to go fetch Kudaweche, who was a epistemophile, to come see his father.

Aterima wasted to time and went to go fetch Kudaweche. Upon telling Kudaweche that her father was sick, he immediately accompanied Aretima back to her hut, where he encountered her father in a bad state. Not willing to waste any time, he told Aretima that the only thing that can cure her father is a home-made potion made out of the Kibrahacha flower. At the time the Kibrahacha was not yet in her blooming season, but the stubborn Kudaweche was determined to bring back Aretima's father back to health, and so off they went to the nearest Kibrahacha tree.

When they arrived at the tree, they saw that it was covered head to toe in thorns, with only a few closed flowers at the very top. Kudaweche, experienced veteran in all things Aruban flora and fauna, told Aretima to start plucking the thorns of the tree to climb to the top where the flowers are. Aretima, just as determined to save her father, didn't hesitate to start.

To her surprise, every time she plucked a thorn of the tree, a bright, yellow flower bloomed in its place. The thorns were hard to pluck out, but Aretima continued plucking with enthusiasm and wonder at the unfolding sight before her. Not too long after she was able to fill her entire satchel with the yellow flowers. Kudaweche, satisfied to

see Aretima so happy and encouraged to help her father, took her back to her hut.

Upon arriving back at the hut, Aretima's mother quickly made a tea out of the flowers and gave it to her sick husband. Miraculously, after just one sip of the tea, the father's fever left his body immediately, and he opened eyes and sprung up feeling new.

The next morning, they all visited the same Kibrahacha tree that saved the life of Aretima's father and they saw another miracle. The tree was covered again in the same bright, yellow flowers, with not a thorn in sight. And as the legend goes, from that day on, the Kibrahacha tree no longer produced any more thorns. □



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## Aruba's Nature is to be Cherished

**ST. CRUZ —** The national park Arikok comprises almost 18 % of the island. Its rugged terrain, desert-like hills filled with tall cacti, breathtaking coastline and protected local flora and fauna welcome you to be explored. There is numerous wildlife to discover like for example the sea turtle who lays his eggs on the park's beaches. There are more places on the island that are a preserved area like the Bubali Plas which is a bird sanctuary.

The national park Arikok takes you on a memorable journey of the islands past offering unique geological, cultural and historical sites. These can all be enjoyed and explored either on your own or during guided tours. A wide variety of educational and informative programs and fun activities is available.

Did you know that four of the in total seven species of sea turtle lay



their eggs on Aruba's beaches? In the national park, a Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*) keeps a strict eye on a very special event taking place below on the beach: a majestic Leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) heads back to sea after laying her eggs, while another nest laid 2 months ago by the same female hatches. A very rare occurrence of daytime nesting and hatching. Sea turtles prefer nesting in the cool and dark hours of the night. And hatchlings usually wait for the cue of cooling surface sand before emerging.

### Bubali Magic

This beautiful close-up image of the pink bird is courtesy of Michiel Oversteegen of the Aruba Bird-life Conservation. This important foundation showcases and builds awareness of Aruba's birds and other native flora and fauna. You may have seen a 'pink cloud' lately at the Bubali or Spanish Lagoon Wetlands areas? It's most likely to be Roseate Spoonbills (*Ajaia ajaja*) or 'Chucharon Cora' as they are known in Papiamentu. This unusual looking bird forages in shallow muddy water while sweeping its flattened bill from side to side to catch small fish, crustaceans and other aquatic invertebrates.



The Roseate Spoonbill remains an uncommon sight as they are vulnerable to degradation of feeding and nesting habitats (Wetlands). (Source: arikok national park)

The aforementioned is just a part of what Aruba's nature has to offer. We cannot stress enough to go, see for yourself. The island has the most beautiful beaches but it is also worthwhile to go beyond this and get an idea of our entire island. Lately there is a discussion going on about the effect certain

activities have on our nature, for example the ATV vehicles cause a lot of dust, noise and leave tire tracks. Animals live in these areas where the vehicles run, often with high speed and with detrimental consequences to flora and fauna. Motorized vehicles are forbidden to drive on the sand dunes in the Northern part of the island and all beaches in Aruba are forbidden for any motorized vehicle. Treasure our island to enjoy it like you do: as a tropical and natural paradise. We truly appreciate it! □

## Aruban snacks and where to find them



**ORANJESTAD —** Want to taste something different for a change? How about some Aruban snacks that you can find all around the island? Hop in your car, and go to these locations to find some of the most popular and tasty snacks that are beloved by our locals.



One of the staples of Aruban cuisine and snacks is the Pastechi. Pastechi is a Caribbean fried pastry that is filled with cheese, meat, chicken, veggies and sometimes even fish! Or perhaps you might want to try a croquette, locally called a "kroket," which is a crusty fried snack with typically a meat and dough mix filling. The Aruban kroket is based on its Dutch counterpart, the "bitterbal".

These two snacks are typically found in all local snack trucks, which can be found all over the island, including on the side of the main road that stretches from San Nicolas to the Hotel Area. You can also find pastechis and kroketts at local bakeries and snack shops, like Bright Bakery in Piedra Plat, Huchada in Santa Cruz or Pastechi House in the city center. These places may also sell other snacks and sandwiches too, perfect for on-the-road lunch break.

While you're at it, why not accompany your snack with a refreshing "batido"? Batidos are fruit shakes, typically made with added milk for some creaminess. However, you can also ask to hold the milk. Batidos are commonly found in snack shops too. You may find some batido shops next the flea markets downtown, or if you're on your way to San Nicolas, at Mauchi Smoothies and Juice Bar in Savaneta (located at the side of the main road).

If you are looking for something a bit more fresh



and healthy, why not try some coconuts, or shaved ice from local vendors? These vendors carry their little shop at the back of their truck, so they are ever-moving around the island. However, there are a few spots where you can almost always find a coconut/shaved ice vendor:

1. Right next to the Red Anchor in San Nicolas, on the way to Baby Beach.
2. Along the main road next to the airport field.
3. At the California Light House.
4. At the Alto Vista Chapel.

These vendors may also sell other delights, like the beloved coconut-based dessert "cocada" or peanuts. All in all, in Aruba, you can always find some place to take a break and have a bite of something local, you maybe just might have to look for them! □

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Did you know about...

## Basic driving rules on Aruba (part 2)

(Oranjestad)—In Yesterday's issue, we've provided some basic rules when driving on the four-lane highways and roundabouts on the island. Today, we want to offer you more tips and tricks when it comes to driving on the roads and highways of Aruba.

### Speed limit in certain areas

As mentioned in yesterday's issue, the legal minimum and maximum speed limit on the island is 50 and 80 km/h respectively. However, there are some areas where it is mandated to drive up to a certain speed. This is always indicated by a circular traffic sign with red border and the number 50 on it. Signs like these are always paired

by a similar sign with the number crossed out further down the road. This means that the mandate for this speed is now over; you may increase your velocity. Red borders on traffic sign—whether it's a circle or triangle—usually signal a warning, prohibition or preference.

Besides the "50" sign, you may also

encounter a traffic sign that says "bebouwde kom". These can be found in San Nicolas and Oranjestad. Bebouwde kom signs are rectangular and blue, and essentially tell you that you are in a heavily inhabited area. The maximum speed limit in a bebouwde kom is 50 km/h. Just like the previous pair, bebouwde kom signs are also paired with a similar sign crossed out.

### Priority signs

On the main roads of Aruba (not the highways), you may see a yellow, squared sign with a white border. This sign tells you that on this road, you have priority and all other traffic should yield to you. This sign can be seen in Savaneta for example. So, if you are driving on the main road in Savaneta going to San Nicolas, you are driving on a single long road, and other cars that want to get on this main road or cross it, either from an intersection or from a dirt road, must all wait until traffic on the main road is clear. In other words, you do not have to stop for them. This sign too has a counter part that indicates that your priority is over.

Another priority sign you may encounter is a triangle sign with a red border and something that looks like a cross. You'll see this sign in an intersection. The general rule of thumb for crossing an intersection that do not contain traffic lights, roundabouts, sign or arrows on the road, is to always yield for traffic on your right. However, if you encounter this sign on your side of the intersection, you have priority over the other cars, even the one on your right.

However, be careful not to confuse this sign with a similar up-side down triangle, also found on intersections. This sign is a prohibition sign, telling you that you have to stop and give other cars priority. Of course you also have a "stop" sign that mean the same thing. The stop sign is generally used for tricky intersections with minimal view of opposite incoming traffic.

These are some of the basic rules that you would have to know if you decide to drive on the island. These are of course other traffic signs, and we recommend you visit [aruba-travelguide.com](http://aruba-travelguide.com) for an extensive overview of all traffic signs used on Aruba. □



bebouwde kom



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end speed limit



intersection priority



priority



speed limit



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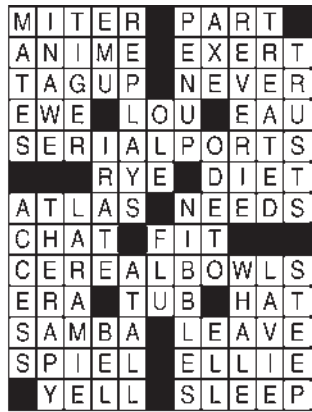
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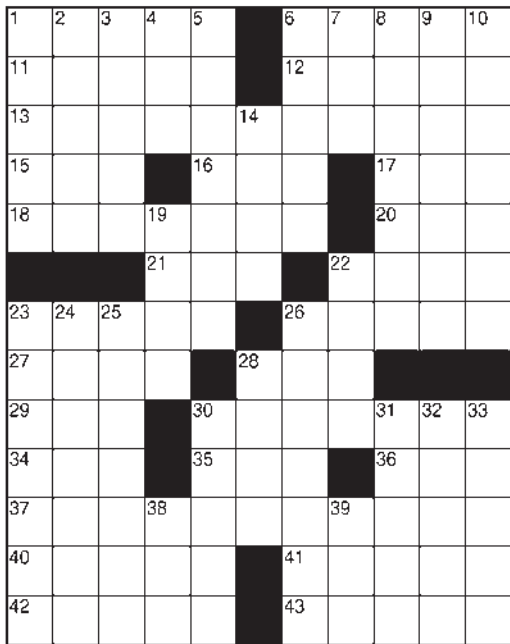
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's answer



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AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF YOU LEARN  
SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY, YOU CAN  
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— MARTHA STEWART

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TUE	26	CELEBRITY REFLECTION	08.00	21.00	B	1
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Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

Supermarket hours

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basicbut important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

lets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

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Drinking water



The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

Safety



Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

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# US consumer price increases accelerated last month with inflation pressures resilient



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**By Christopher Rugaber**  
**Associated Press**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Consumer price increases accelerated last month, the latest sign that inflation's steady decline over the past two years has stalled in recent months.

According to the Federal Reserve's preferred inflation gauge, consumer prices rose 2.3% in October from a year earlier, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. That is up from just 2.1% in September, though it is still only modestly above the Fed's 2% target.

Yet excluding the volatile food and energy categories, so-called "core" prices

also picked up, climbing 2.8% last month from a year earlier, up from 2.7% in September, according to Commerce's personal consumption expenditures price index. Economists closely watch core prices because they typically provide a better read on where inflation is headed.

Inflation has fallen sharply since it peaked at 7% in mid-2022, according to the Fed's preferred measure. Yet yearly core inflation has fluctuated between 2.6% and 2.8% since February.

Price increases have remained elevated in services, including apartment rents, restaurant meals,

and car and home insurance.

The elevated reading could make the Federal Reserve less likely to cut its key rate at the next meeting in December. Next month's inflation data, some of which will be issued a week before the meeting, may play a key role in the Fed's decision.

"This report will likely provide further ammo to Fed officials who prefer to lower rates gradually," Omair Sharif, chief economist at Inflation Insights, wrote in a client note, "and may strengthen the argument for a pause at the December FOMC meeting."

Many economists, however, expect that the Fed will reduce its rate by a quarter-point in December, then delay further cuts while gauging the impact of the reductions they've made so far.

"The momentum in inflation toward the Fed's 2% target has sputtered recently but not enough, in our view, to prevent the Fed from cutting interest rates in December," Ryan Sweet, chief U.S. economist at Oxford Economics, wrote in a client note.

Last month, grocery prices barely rose and gas costs fell, providing some relief to household budgets. □

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# Intimate documentary captures the Beatles goofing around as they take America by storm in 1964

By Mark Kennedy  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Likely most people have seen iconic footage of the Beatles performing on "The Ed Sullivan Show." But how many have seen Paul McCartney during that same U.S. trip feeding seagulls off his hotel balcony? That moment as well as George Harrison and John Lennon goofing around by exchanging their jackets are part of the Disney+ documentary "Beatles '64," an intimate look at the English band's first trip to America that uses rare and newly restored footage. It streams Friday.

"It's so fun to be the fly on the wall in those really intimate moments," says Margaret Bodde, who produced alongside Martin Scorsese. "It's just this incredible gift of time and technology to be able to see it now with the decades of time stripped away so that you really feel like you're there."

"Beatles '64" leans into footage of the 14-day trip filmed by documentarians Albert and David Maysles, who left behind 11 hours of the Fab Four goofing around in New York's Plaza hotel or traveling. It was restored by Park Road Post in New Zealand.

"It's beautiful, although it's black and white and it's not widescreen," says director David Tedeschi. "It's like it



The Beatles, from left, John Lennon, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr and George Harrison, arrive at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York, on Feb. 7, 1964.

(AP Photo, File)

was shot yesterday and it captures the youth of the four Beatles and the fans." The footage is augmented by interviews with the two surviving members of the band and people whose lives were impacted, including some of the women who as teens stood outside their hotel

hoping to catch a glimpse of the Beatles.

"It was like a crazy love," fan Vickie Brenna-Costa recalls in the documentary. "I can't really understand it now. But then, it was natural." The film shows the four heartthrobs flirting and dancing at the Peppermint Lounge

disco, Harrison noodling with a Woody Guthrie riff on his guitar and tells the story of Ronnie Spector sneaking the band out a hotel back exit and up to Harlem to eat barbecue.

The documentary coincides with the release of a box set of vinyl albums collecting the

band's seven U.S. albums released in '64 and early '65 "Meet The Beatles!," "The Beatles' Second Album," "A Hard Day's Night" (the movie soundtrack), "Something New," "The Beatles' Story," "Beatles '65" and "The Early Beatles." They had been out of print on vinyl since 1995. The Beatles' U.S. visit in 1964 also included concerts at Carnegie Hall, a gig at the Washington Coliseum in Washington, D.C., and a visit to Miami, where the band met Muhammad Ali. The documentary shows members of the band reading newspaper coverage of themselves.

Viewers may learn that the Beatles now revered were often met with ridicule or rudeness from the older generation. At the British Embassy in New York, the four were treated as lower class, while renowned broadcaster Eric Sevareid, doing a piece for CBS, compared the reaction to the Beatles to the German measles. "You're nothing but four Elvis Presleys," one reporter told them during a press conference, to which the boys good-naturedly started gyrating as Ringo Starr screamed "It's not true!" "Why the establishment was against them is sort of a mystery to me," says Tedeschi. "I think older people believed that music would go back to the big bands." □

## Harvey Weinstein files legal claim alleging lack of medical care and hygiene at Rikers Island jail

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Harvey Weinstein's lawyers filed a legal claim Tuesday against New York City, alleging that he is receiving substandard medical treatment in unhygienic conditions while in custody at the notorious Rikers Island jail complex. The notice of claim, which is the first step in filing a lawsuit against the city, accuses the facility of failing to manage the former movie mogul's medical conditions, which include chronic myeloid leukemia and diabetes, and negli-

gence ranging from "freezing" conditions to a lack of



Harvey Weinstein, center, appears in criminal court in New York, Sept. 18, 2024.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig, Pool, File)

clean clothes.

The city's law department and Department of Correction did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

"When I last visited him, I found him with blood spatter on his prison garb, possibly from IV's, clothes that had not been washed for weeks, and he had not even been provided clean underwear hardly sanitary conditions for someone with severe medical conditions," Weinstein's attorney, Imran H. Ansari, said in a statement, comparing the

facility to a "gulag."

Weinstein, 72, has been in city custody since earlier this year, after the New York Court of Appeals overturned his 2020 rape conviction in the state. The case is set to be retried in 2025.

Weinstein has denied any wrongdoing. Weinstein was briefly hospitalized in April and again in July for health problems. His team has said he's been treated for diabetes, high blood pressure, spinal stenosis, COVID-19, and fluid on his heart and lungs. □



# Goalkeeping blunders continue to hurt PSG in a difficult Champions League campaign

By Jerome Pugmire

Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — Different goal-keeper, same problem.

Coach Luis Enrique's gamble to drop Gianluigi Donnarumma and replace him with Matvei Safonov for Tuesday's match at Bayern Munich backfired as PSG lost 1-0 in the Champions League.

The defeat was PSG's third in five Champions League games, and the club is in increasing danger of being one of the 12 clubs eliminated after the 36-team league phase in the new format.

There has been wasteful finishing up front as Enrique keeps pointing out. But that does not explain the defeats and the real issue has been big errors by both goalkeepers.

PSG is 26th and still has to face Manchester City.

Going out of such a big group stage where even Belgian side Club Bruges is ahead of PSG would set a new low for the cash-rich, Qatari-backed club. PSG's owners, QSI, have spent fortunes trying to turn PSG into a dominant European club.



PSG's head coach Luis Enrique talks to goalkeeper Matvei Safonov during the French League One soccer match between Paris Saint-Germain and Toulouse at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris, France, Sunday, Nov. 22, 2024.

(AP Photo/Michel Euler)

But since QSI took over 13 years ago, PSG has still not won the competition and reached only one final.

"If we look at the standings, we are worried, that's normal," PSG captain Marquinhos said after the Bayern loss. "We have three matches left."

Of the costly goalkeeping errors, four have been

made by Donnarumma and one by Safonov, who completely missed the ball when trying to claim a corner against Bayern, allowing the German club an easy goal.

Safonov and Donnarumma are both 25 years old.

That's the only similarity.

Donnarumma is vastly experienced at club and in-

ternational level, making nearly 400 combined club appearances for AC Milan and PSG and helping Italy win the European Championship three years ago.

Safonov would have been an unfamiliar face to many fans watching the game. The 25-year-old Russian joined PSG in the offseason from Krasnodar for a report-

ed fee of 20 million euros (\$21 million) and with scant experience at the highest level.

Enrique said he chose Safonov because of the way Bayern plays with a high pressing game, suggesting that he has a better passing ability than Donnarumma, who struggles to play the ball out accurately from the back.

Safonov's lack of experience ultimately makes his mistake easier to understand, but it also underlines why he is perhaps not yet ready to become PSG's No. 1 goalkeeper.

Donnarumma's continued inability to properly claim corners a weakness which also led to several goals in last season's Champions League is more alarming.

Doubts concerning his future at the club are being raised after he was dropped for the biggest game of PSG's season so far.

He did not appear too concerned.

Cameras showed Donnarumma smiling, legs crossed, as he chatted to a teammate on the bench before the game started. □

# Florida looks to close out regular season with a 3rd straight win and first vs FSU since '21

By The Associated Press

**(AP)** - Florida (6-5) at Florida State (2-9), Saturday, 7 p.m. ET (ESPN2)

BetMGM College Football Odds: Florida by 14 1/2.

Series record: Florida leads 37-28-2.

**What's at stake?**

Florida coach Billy Napier seeks his first win against Florida State. Napier is 2-10 against the Gators' five rivals, including consecutive losses to the Seminoles. Florida, which is bowl eligible after back-to-back victories against ranked opponents (LSU and Ole Miss), can close the regular season on a three-game winning streak and gain more traction before national signing day. The Seminoles

are trying to somewhat salvage their worst season since finishing 1-10 in 1974.

**Key matchup**

Florida RBs Montrell Johnson, Jaden Baugh and Ja'Kobi Jackson vs. FSU's rushing defense, which ranks last in the Atlantic Coast Conference and 106th nationally. The Seminoles are giving up 180 yards a game on the ground. The Gators, meanwhile, have topped 200 yards just once this season.

**Players to watch**

**Florida:** DL Caleb Banks and Tyreek Sapp dominated the last two games, combining for 10 1/2 tackles for loss against the Tigers and the Rebels. Banks controlled the middle of

the line and totaled 4 1/2 TFLs while Sapp applied constant pressure from the edge and notched six.

Florida State: Luke Kromenhoek is the Seminoles' third true freshman to start at quarterback against Florida in the last 40 years. James Blackman is the most recent one, helping Florida State beat the Gators in 2017. Kromenhoek completed 13 of 20 passes for 209 yards and three touchdowns, while adding 31 rushing yards, in his first college start last week against Charleston Southern.

**Facts & figures**

Lawrance Toafili has 413 yards rushing this season and 1,852 for his career.

The senior is 19th on Florida State's all-time rushing list. Seminoles PK Ryan Fitzgerald and P Alex Mastromanno are finalists for the Lou Groza and Ray

Guy awards, respectively. Fitzgerald has made all 12 of his field-goal attempts, and Mastromanno leads the nation at 49.1 yards a punt. □



Florida quarterback DJ Lagway (2) throws a pass against Mississippi during the first half of an NCAA college football game, Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024, in Gainesville, Fla.

(AP Photo/Phelan M. Ebenhack)



## No. 17 Iowa State on cusp of Big 12 championship game entering 'Farmageddon' against Wildcats



Iowa State tight end Gabe Burkle (84), running back Carson Hansen (26) and offensive lineman Jim Bonifas (63) celebrate after Hansen's touchdown during the second half of an NCAA college football game against Utah, Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024, in Salt Lake City.

(AP Photo/Rick Egan)

### By The Associated Press

(AP) - Kansas State (8-3, 5-3 Big 12, No. 24 CFP) at No. 17 Iowa State (9-2, 6-2, No. 18), Saturday, 7:30 p.m. EST (Fox)  
BetMGM College Football Odds: Iowa State by 3.  
Series record: Iowa State leads 53-50-4.

### WHAT'S AT STAKE?

It's "Farmageddon," the rivalry game that plays off the two schools' agricultural roots. Iowa State more than likely makes the Big 12 championship game with a win. Kansas State is among nine teams still mathematically alive for the title game, but it would need to win and get a lot of help. The teams have split close games the past

two years.

### KEY MATCHUP

Iowa State offensive line vs. Kansas State defensive line. The Cyclones will have to play one of their best games against the most stout defensive line in the conference. Iowa State has done a good job protecting the mobile Rocco Becht, allowing 14 sacks in 11 games, but the run game has averaged over 4 yards per carry just once in the last four games. The Wildcats are second in the Big 12 with 30 sacks and first in run defense, though Cincinnati gouged them for big gainers last week.

### PLAYERS TO WATCH

Kansas State: RB DJ Giddens has run for a combined 276 yards on 29 carries the last two games and is averaging 115 yards per game for the season. He could put up some more big numbers against a defense that ranks 15th against the run in the 16-team Big 12.

Iowa State: RB Carson Hansen has been a revelation in his second year in the program. The Cyclones split carries among three backs, so his numbers don't jump off the page. But he picks up and tough yards and, with nine touchdowns in the last six games, has become Iowa State's first option near the goal line. Last week he threw a 26-yard halfback pass to set up the winning touchdown against Utah.

### FACTS & FIGURES

Cyclones are looking to go 7-0 in night games. K-State is playing its ninth regular-season night game, most by a Big 12 team since the conference began play in 1996. Becht has thrown a touchdown pass in a school-record 15 straight games. ISU WR Jayden Higgins, with 1,015 yards, is the seventh receiver in program history to go over 1,000 in a season. ... K-State DE Brendan Mott, an Iowa native, is first in the Big 12 with 8.5 sacks. ... K-State has 27 rushing plays of 20-plus yards, tied for fourth in the nation. □



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